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tities Brought from Washington.

"The wind and the leaves loved the rose,
And the rose loved the wind;
For who seeks the wind while it blows,
Or loves not the wind?"

Bloom of all blossoms that is destined to act
a part in the drama of society.
The select flower the distillations of whose
heart go to purify the stalling air of the
bouquet ball.

The one blossom whose life is spent in ex-
clusive circles and whose lot is to breathe out
its fragrant life amid scenes of revelry, in the
gay company of wine and fair women.

Perhaps some modest girl may prefer
a simple spray of hellebore, a bunch of purple
violets to cast on the troubled waves of
emotion that thrill her throbbing heart.

But the proud society belle, the delicate
aristocrat, the haughty dame, the white arm
favorite of the gilded throng, claims the rose
to breathe out its virgin life above her swelling
heart, and to mingle its odorous breath with
her own, beneath the glare of the chandelier.

How closely do flowers resemble humanity!
There is the wild pink rose of the mountain
that "blooms to blush unseen and waste its
sweets upon the desert air."

Its mission is to add cheerfulness
to the barren and to perfume the
waste places, and the wild gales
that come rolling and frolic down the
glens, snatch away kisses from its delicate
cheek, as they pause in their boisterous play.
Bright-eyed birds and sober working bees are
its admirers.

With the first blight of autumn the hectic
deepens on its cheek, and the winds of Oc-
tober chant its dirge to the melancholy accom-
paniment of the farewell song of the mocking
bird.

Then there is the old fashioned rose of the
country home, staid and sturdy that opens
its eyes at the dawn and like its hostess mis-
tress is up before the sun, and bows its head
in dreamless slumber when the shadows fall
in the gloaming.

Perhaps, on rare occasions, the daughter
of the house plucks a blossom
and pins it to the bosom
of her dark-eyed lover, but for the most part
its life is uneventful. If a marriage occur it
takes its place in the garlands that are wreath-
ed, or if the pale moon and his pallid rider
pause at the threshold, a bunch of pure white
roses with the purest dew of heaven upon
them are offered as a token of welcome down
into the depths of all that is mortal of poor
death-cursed humanity.

Lastly come these queen flowers of which I
write that are nurtured in palaces of roses
and are watered by artificial ministers instead
of the gentle dew of night.

They have but one mission—
to be beautiful. Theirs is the
more exalted lot to live in luxurious environ-
ment, and to perish at the banqueting hour,
or to be cast aside and crushed and their faint
feet that hasten away from scenes of revelry
in the gray dawn of the morning.

Such is the life of the flower that is reared for
commerce and sold for a price.
But it is well that we keep the flowers near
us, even in our revels, that our hearts may be
ever reminded of the glory of God and the
wondrous beauty of His created things. It is
appropriate that we should bring their cheer-
ful presence into our homes on this, the
supreme holiday of all holidays.

"How much for these?"
"Twenty-five cents, three dollars a dozen."
"Three dollars a dozen for roses?"
"That is just the size of it."

"Why, a fellow could get all he wanted for
nothing when I was here last."
"Maybe so, but that was probably summer
time. These are Christmas roses."

"Where they grow here?"
"No, sir, they were grown in green houses
in Washington. We grow a few here, but
not largely enough to supply the trade."

"Why do you not grow them here?"
"That is hard to tell. Simply because the
industry is in its infancy here, I suppose."

"Are there no extensive green houses nearer
than Washington?"
"No; there are no extensive flower growers
south of Louisville and Washington. These
big country Maryland and Virginia houses
are the ones that sell best. You notice how
fresh and firm they look? The sparkle of the
dewdrop still brightens their petals. That is
why Washington roses are so easily handled."

We could get roses from Flori-
da, but an invoice of St. Augustine
roses looks very different from those, I
don't know whether it is the care or
the manner in which they are gathered and
put up, or whether it is the account of the
length of time required to transplant them.
At any rate they fall all to pieces shortly
after we receive them."

"What other blossoms are in demand?"
"Well, there are those rich sprays of tube-
roses, they are worth twenty-five cents
apiece, three dollars a dozen. They come
from Washington, too."

"In my green house I grow a great many
tuberoses, but the supply falls far short of the
demand. Then they supply largely in small
and haphazard quantities. That is why
Washington roses are so easily handled."

All through the joyous June time, and till
late in the autumn, the blossoms
gleam in the garden, about the
pleasure home; and flowing vines clamber
over porch and trellis where the shy humming
birds and the wild bees come to luxuriate
among the perfumed sweets of the garden.
Great glowing asters, golden hearted pansies,
drooping violets, star-eyed anemone, and pale
roses mingle their fragrant breath in the
wonderful mingled breeze that comes from
afar to whisper their melodies in the ears of
these fair ladies in waiting.

Inside the crystal castle odororous am-
bassadors from many lands add to the grace
and beauty of the scene. Delicate ferns that
have leapt from the hot breath of the desert
in their velvety cheeks; gorgeous casti, that
have clung to the crevices of the gray rocks
of the Sierras when the blighting blast of the
winter sweep down from the plains of Dakota;
tender and delicious daisies that have
smiled coquettishly in the burning eye of a
tropic sun.

"How much money is invested in flower
growing around Atlanta?"
"Comparatively very little. I have about
\$2,000. Mrs. G. is near me; something in the
same neighborhood, and Wachendorf a
similar amount."

"Were some men to go into the business on an
extensive scale, put in plenty of glass, and not
only supply this, but other contiguous markets,
it would prove a paying business."

"Do you sell orange blossoms?"
"No, but there is no reason why we should
not handle them if we could procure them.
The business is in embryo yet. People are
just getting educated up to it, and the love of
flowers is increasing as the attention of the
people is more directed toward them."

"Through the summer and other months, out-
side the winter holidays, the prices are moder-
ate, from one and a half to two dollars per
dozen for roses. But during this season the
demand is so large that they run their whole-
sale up to our retail prices."

"Still there is money in it?"
"Oh, yes, there is money in selling flowers
when you can get the people to buy them.
The trade increases every year."

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